

OPINION 1636

Myriochele Malmgren, 1867 and *Myriochele oculata* Zaks, 1923 (Annelida, Polychaeta): conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the following names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:

- (a) the generic name *Psammocollus* Grube, 1866;
- (b) the specific name *tenuissima* Ørsted, 1844, as published in the binomen *Clymenia tenuissima*.

(2) The name *Myriochele* Malmgren, 1867 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Myriochele heeri* Malmgren, 1867, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *heeri* Malmgren, 1867, as published in the binomen *Myriochele heeri* (specific name of the type species of *Myriochele* Malmgren, 1867);
- (b) *oculata* Zaks, 1923, as published in the binomen *Myriochele oculata*.

(4) The name *Psammocollus* Grube, 1866, as suppressed in (1)(a) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

(5) The name *tenuissima* Ørsted, 1844, as published in the binomen *Clymenia tenuissima* and as suppressed in (1)(b) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2554

An application for the conservation of the generic name *Myriochele* Malmgren, 1867 and the specific name *oculata* Zaks, 1923 was received from Drs R. Nilsen (*Institute of Biology and Geology, University of Tromsø, Norway*) and T. Holthe (*Granvegen 27a, N-7058 Jakobsli, Trondheim, Norway*) on 30 January 1986. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 46: 229–232 (December 1989). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Comments in support from Dr Susan Chambers (*National Museums of Scotland, Edinburgh, U.K.*), and Drs Andrew Mackie (*National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, U.K.*) & Fredrik Pleijel (*Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm, Sweden*) were published in BZN 47: 125 (June 1990).

Comments by Dr R. Thomas Becker (*University of Southampton, U.K.*) and Prof Dr G. Hahn (*Marburg, Germany*), published in BZN 47: 124–125 (June 1990), noted that the suppression of *Clymenia* Ørsted, 1844 was unnecessary because it was a junior homonym of *Clymenia* Münster, 1834, a name in use for a late Devonian ammonoid. On the voting paper proposals (1)(a)(i) and (4)(a) in BZN 46: 231 were therefore withdrawn.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1990 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 46: 231. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1991 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 25: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 3: Holthuis, Lehtinen and Mroczkowski.

Lehtinen commented: '*Psammocollus* Grube, 1866 is by no means obscure and there are no reasons to reject it when undisputed information about its priority has been given'. Mroczkowski commented: 'As the names *Psammocollus* and *Myriochele* are subjective synonyms (based on different type species, from the southern Indian Ocean and Greenland respectively), I favour giving *Myriochele* precedence over *Psammocollus* but I do not support suppression of the latter name'.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and Official Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

heeri, *Myriochele*, Malmgren, 1867, *Spetsbergens, Grönlands, Islands och den Skandinaviska halföns hittills kända Annulata Polychaeta*, p. 101.

Myriochele Malmgren, 1867, *Spetsbergens, Grönlands, Islands och den Skandinaviska halföns hittills kända Annulata Polychaeta*, p. 101.

oculata, *Myriochele*, Zaks, 1923, *Trudy Petrogradskoga Obshchestva Estestvoispytatelei*, 53(1): 163.

Psammocollus Grube, 1866, *Verhandlungen der Kaiserlich-Königlichen zoologisch-botanischen Gesellschaft in Wien*, 16: 178.

tenuissima, *Clymenia*, Ørsted, 1844, *De regionibus marinis. Elementa topographiae historiconaturalis, Freti Oresund*. [Dissertation], p. 79.